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Summer Announcement # 37, Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Based on the current run assessment and in accordance with new regulations adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries, subsistence fishing will be closed to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon. The closure has been initiated in Districts 1-4 and is being similarly implemented in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C based on migratory timing. It is likely additional closures will follow to protect the second pulse.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, & 5-C (from Illinois Creek upstream to regulatory markers 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek): This area includes the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River Bridge.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will close and remain closed during the next subsistence salmon fishing period which was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 5, to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon as it passes through these subdistricts.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418 or in Emmonak at 949-1825.

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